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FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY AMB BUSH ON HARASSMENT INCIDENTS
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QUOTE:

THERE IS DISTURBING EVIDENCE OF A NEW AND PREMEDITATED
CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NEW
YORK CITY. ON APRIL 19 AND 20 OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE
WIFE OF AMBASSADOR MALIK, WERE SUBJECTED TO CRUDE INSULTS
AND THREATS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. ON MAY 2 AN ATTEMPT WAS
MADE TO FORCE AMBASSADOR MALIK'S OFFICIAL CAR, IN WHICH THE
AMBASSADOR WAS TRAVELLING, OFF THE STREET AND TO OPEN THE
REAR DOOR OF THE CAR. A SIMILAR ATTEMPT, REPORTEDLY
ACCOMPANIED BY THREATS OF MURDER, WAS MADE ON MAY 2 AGAINST
A SECOND SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET MISSION AND HIS WIFE AND
DAUGHTER AS THEY WERE RIDING IN A SOVIET MISSION AUTOMOBILE.

ACTS OF THIS SORT ARE ILLEGAL, COWARDLY AND UTTERLY
REPREHENSIBLE. I AM SURE ALL RESPONSIBLE AMERICANS JOIN ME IN
CONDEMNING THEM IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS ARE COOPERATING

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FULLY WITH THE U.S. MISSION TO PREVENT THE REOCCURANCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES, AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THEIR FINE WORK.

I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED THAT THESE ACTS OF HARASSMENT APPARENTLY WERE COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF A MOST WORTHY CAUSE, THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY. I HAVE SPOKEN OUT IN SUPPORT OF THIS CAUSE MANY TIMES AND I SHALL CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT UGLY HARASSMENT AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAS NOT AND CANNOT ASSIST SOVIET JEWRY.

I AM AWARE OF THE ARGUMENT MADE BY CERTAIN RADICAL ELEMENTS THAT ILLEGAL ACTION AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS IS THE ONLY WAY TO DRAMATIZE THE PLIGHT OF JEWS LIVING IN THE USSR. THE PEACEFUL, LAWFUL AND WIDELY PUBLICIZED DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK BY SOME 40,000 AMERICAN JEWS ON APRIL 30 SHOWS HOW MISGUIDED AND GROUNDLESS THIS ARGUMENT IS.

THE QUESTION IS NOT THAT WE SHOULD DO NOTHING ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY. OF COURSE WE SHOULD. THE POINT IS THAT ACTIONS OF THE SORT RECENTLY TAKEN AGAINST THE STAFF AND FAMILIES OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ARE BOTH DESPICABLE AND COMPLETELY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. THEY MUST BE HALTED.
UNQUOTE.
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